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SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR THE IRAQI SPECIAL TRIBUNAL: FINLAND  
HAS NOT YET RECEIVED DPM SALIH LETTER

REF: A. STATE 240444

[1](#)B. STATE 209778

Classified By: Ambassador Earle I. Mack, for reasons 1.4(B) and (D)

[1](#)1. (C) Embassy delivered Ref A demarche November 10 to Anu Laamanen-Ryter, Director of the Finnish MFA's Unit for Civilian Crisis Management. Laamanen-Ryter said that Finland would like to find a way to assist the Iraqi Special Tribunal (IST) if it can. The GoF would hope to find some area in which they could aid the Tribunal without evoking a domestic political debate in Finland over capital punishment in Iraq.

[1](#)2. (U) Laamanen-Ryter said that to the best of her knowledge, the GoF has yet to receive the expected request letter from Deputy PM Salih. Her unit has since checked with the rest of the MFA and with the office of Finnish Prime Minister Vanhanen, and can find no indication that the letter has been received.

[1](#)3. (U) For S/WCI: If Department and IIG wish, Embassy Helsinki would be happy to convey a copy of Deputy PM Salih's letter to the GoF. Letter can be e-mailed to Political Section Chief Hall at HallJM@state.gov, or faxed to us at 358-9-6162-5766.

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